

APPENDIX A - CLAIMS

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1. (Previously Presented) A sleep surface for two people comprising:

a first bladder having a longitudinal side including first upper lip and a first lower lip, each of said first upper and lower lips having an inner surface and an outer surface, said upper and lower lips defining a receiving channel therethrough;

a second bladder having a longitudinal side including a second upper lip and a second lower lip, each of said second upper and lower lips having an inner surface and an outer surface, said second upper lip and said second lower lip received into said receiving channel, wherein the outer surface of said second upper lip abuts the inner surface of said first upper lip and the outer surface of said second lower lip abuts the inner surface of said first lower lip forming an overlap between the first bladder and the second bladder, wherein said longitudinal side of said second bladder is attached to the longitudinal side of the first bladder; and further wherein

each bladder is constructed and arranged to maintain an air pressure therein that is independent of an air pressure in the other bladder; and further wherein

said first and second bladder are capable of being folded into a sleeper sofa when not in use.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The sleep surface of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal side of the first bladder is heat welded to the longitudinal side of the second bladder.

5. (Original) The sleep surface of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal side of the second bladder is attached to the longitudinal side of the first bladder with a hook and loop fastener.

6. (Original) The sleep surface of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal side of the second bladder is attached to the longitudinal side of the first bladder with a zipper.

7. (Original) The sleep surface of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal side of the second bladder is attached to the longitudinal side of the first bladder with a plurality of snaps.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The sleep surface of claim 8 further comprising a reinforcing member operably attached to the first and second bladders over the overlap.

10-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A method of creating an uninterrupted sleeping surface with two bladders capable of being folded into a sleeper sofa comprising:

providing a first elongate bladder, having a first longitudinal upper lip and a first longitudinal lower lip, said first upper and lower lips defining a receiving channel;

providing a second elongate bladder, having a second longitudinal upper lip and a second longitudinal lower lip;

receiving the second longitudinal upper and lower lips into said receiving channel such that said first longitudinal upper and lower lips are juxtaposed and overlap said second longitudinal upper and lower lips ;

joining the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder; and

folding said first and second bladders into a sleeper sofa when not in use.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein joining the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder comprises heat welding the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein joining the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder comprises zipping the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder along said overlap.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein joining the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder comprises:

providing a hook and loop fastener system having a hook portion and a loop portion;

operably attaching the hook portion to the first bladder;

operably attaching the loop portion to the second bladder;

pressing the hook portion and the loop portion together.

21. (Previously Presented) The sleep surface of claim 1, further comprising a sleeper sofa having an inflatable mattress therewithin, wherein said mattress comprises said first bladder and said second bladder.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising providing said sleeper sofa having an inflatable mattress therewithin, said mattress comprising said first elongate bladder and said second elongate bladder.